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1. DO NOT RPT DO NOT REALLOCATE FY 78 SSH ALLOTMENT.
WE PLAN TO USE ALL REMAINING FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING
TWO SSH PROJECTS. SUPPORT OF THESE WORTHWHILE PROJECTS
CONSIDERED IMPORTANT TO CONTINUING TREND OF IMPROVEMENT
IN GUINEAN-US RELATIONS.

2. UPGRADING OF HOSPITAL AND LOCAL CLINIC SERVICES-
MINISTRY OF HEALTH. THIS IS A NEW FIELD FOR SELF-HELP
IN GUINEA AND IT WAS SUGGESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS A
HIGH-PRIORITY AREA OF CONCERN. IT WILL PROVIDE NATIONAL
AND REGIONAL HOSPITALS AS WELL AS LOCAL CLINICS, PARTI-
CULARLY THOSE FOR PRE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CARE OF MOTHERS
AND INFANTS WITH ESSENTIAL MATERIALS FOR THE EFFECTIVE
PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE IN GUINEA. THIS SSH EFFORT,
IN WHICH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WILL DISTRIBUTE THE
EQUIPMENT, ENABLING HEALTH CENTERS AND HOSPITALS MORE
EFFECTIVELY TO TREAT PATIENTS, WILL BE REACHING A GREAT
MANY PEOPLE AND WILL HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE
QUALITY OF CARE. (THESE OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE SUPPLIES
INCLUDE: POLYETHYLENE FILM FOR MATTRESS COVERS FOR INFANT
CRIBS, PLASTIC BATHTUBS FOR BATHING INFANTS, WATER FILTER
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EQUIPMENT, STERILE GARMENTS, COVERED TRASH CONTAINERS,
AND OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS MOSQUITO NETTING.) THIS PROJECT
IS ACCORDED HIGH PRIORITY BY THE GOVERNMENT AS MEETING
THE BASIC NEEDS OF ITS PEOPLE. A FORMAL LIST OF MATERIALS
NEEDED IS TO BE IN HAND JULY 24 AND AGREEMENT TO
BE SIGNED IN EARLY AUGUST.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLISHING CAPACITY AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DOCUMENTATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (INRDG). THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO A LONG-STANDING REQUEST BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INRDG FOR AN OFFSET DUPLICATOR. INRDG IS THE ORGAN RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING ALL RESEARCH CENTERS IN GUINEA, INCLUDING THE INSTITUT POLYTECHNIQUE IN CONAKRY. THE RANGE OF RESEARCH SUBJECTS INCLUDES, FOR EXAMPLE: ARCHAEOLOGY, ORAL HISTORY, CHEMISTRY, AGRONOMY INCLUDING CATTLE BREEDING, DEVELOPMENT OF NEW RICE VARIETIES, PARASITOLOGY, HEALTH, AND NUTRITION. CURRENTLY INRDG MUST RELY ON A TYPESETTING PRESS RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING HOUSE WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT FOR PRINTING TECHNICAL LITERATURE (E.G., SYMBOLS AND EQUATIONS). THIS RESULTS IN MUCH EXTRA WORK, LOST TIME AND MANY INACCURACIES IN THE FINAL PUBLICATION. PROVISION OF AN OFFSET DUPLICATOR AND CORRESPONDING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES WILL ESTABLISH AN IN-HOUSE PUBLICATION CAPACITY THAT WILL GREATLY IMPROVE DISSEMINATION OF THE INSTITUTE'S RESEARCH FINDINGS, E.G., IN AREAS SUCH AS AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, ANIMAL BREEDING AND MEDICINE, AND WILL THUS SUBSTANTIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT OF GUINEA. THIS PROJECT REINFORCES THE EFFORTS OF USAID'S AG PRODUCTION CAPACITY PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES FOULAYA RESEARCH CENTER, ONE OF THOSE UNDER INRDG'S AUSPICES. THE INSTITUTE ALREADY HAS PERSONNEL IN ITS DIVISION OF BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS WITH

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EXPERIENCE USING THIS KIND OF EQUIPMENT AND IS INTERESTED IN PROCURING A SIMPLE MACHINE, APPROPRIATE TO THE CLIMATE AND MAINTENANCE CAPACITY IN GUINEA. THE PROJECT IS AT FINAL STAGES OF DISCUSSION PRIOR TO DRAWING UP INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY AGREEMENT AND PROCUREMENT LIST.

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